

SHOT HIS RIVAL
IN SELF DEFENSE.Exciting Encounter Between George Murphy and William
Wernecke on Public Square.

BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN WAS THE INNOCENT CAUSE.

Wernecke Is Now In Jail—He Displayed Remarkable Coolness
After Two Chambers of His Revolver Had Been Emptied—
Walked From the Scene Unmolested—Only One Shot
Took Effect In Murphy's Leg—Victim Now
In the Hospital.

Persons who were in the vicinity of the public square fifteen minutes after eleven, Wednesday night, were startled by hearing two shots fired in rapid succession, followed by cries of "murder, murder, he shot me," issuing from the mouth of a wounded man.

The man was simultaneously surrounded by 25 or 30 men and women, who were walking on the square, or sitting in street cars, on the square, and waiting for the starter's whistle.

As usual in such affairs, a young lady was the cause of the trouble, although in this case she was an innocent party.

The man who received the bullet in his body in this case was George Murphy, an employee of the Ohio Gas company.

The young man who did the shooting was William Wernecke, a young man not yet out of his teens. After the shooting, Wernecke walked east on the square, while the wounded man was carried to a drug store in the vicinity. He claimed to have received two bullets in his body. Before a doctor arrived it was thought that both shots had taken serious effect.

Upon the doctor's arrival an examination was made, disclosing the location of the only bullet that struck Murphy. It had entered the front of the right leg, about ten inches above the knee. It struck the bone, glanced downward, and lodged in the flesh close to the skin and under the knee. The appearance of the wound indicated that the bullet was from a 32-calibre revolver. Murphy's leg was dressed and he was taken to the hospital.

THE SHOOTER TALKS.

A News-Democrat reporter talked with Wernecke a minute after the shooting, as he walked slowly away from the scene. He admitted shooting at Murphy but said he did it in self defense. He said:

"It was all on account of a lady. I expected to accompany her home. We had all been to a dance, and when it was over Murphy started home with her. I overtook them near the court house on the east side of the square. Some words passed between us and Murphy struck me. The blow landed on my right ear, splitting it open. Murphy had taken off his overcoat, and when he made the second assault on me, I shot at him. I don't know whether the bullet hit him, but I had to do it."

Wernecke's ear was bleeding and his face showed evidences of Murphy's blow. Wernecke was cool about the matter, in fact, while nearly every man and woman in the crowd was nervous and excited and making strenuous efforts to ascertain what had happened, or who had been shot, he calmly walked away from the scene and with a friend started toward the east end of the city.

MURPHY INTERVIEWED.

Murphy talked to a News-Democrat reporter as he lay on a cot in the drug store to which he had been carried. He seemed to be suffering intense pain in the wounded limb and asked the doctor to be careful. He wanted word sent to his mother, and asked the doctor how seriously the wound probably would prove to be. Regarding the shooting he had little to say. His statement did not differ materially from that made by Wernecke. Murphy said: "We had been to a dance and I was walking with a young lady named Libbie Hamilton. When we reached the square, the other fellow (I don't know his name) made an effort to induce the lady to leave me and accompany him. I resisted his actions, and, after a few hot words had passed, I pulled off my overcoat and struck at him. I don't know whether I hit him first or not. He pulled a gun and shot me twice."

Murphy was still under the impression that he had been wounded by both bullets.

"I had no trouble with him before this time," he continued, "in fact don't know the fellow except by sight."

Murphy showed no signs of having been struck by Wernecke, either on the face or body, excepting the bullet wound. Murphy is a man of ordinary build, about 5 feet 8 inches in height, while Wernecke is a much smaller man.

WERNECKE ARRESTED.

Wernecke was not taken into custody

for quite a while after the shooting occurred. After he had proceeded down East Tuscarawas street he took refuge in a restaurant, just below Cherry street. Officers Rohn and Smiley had begun a search for him, but at the time were not acquainted with the name of the young man. In the restaurant, they were informed that he had just left the place through the rear door, and told his name could be found. The officers obtained his name and address. Shortly afterward they were at Wernecke's home in Warren avenue. A wrap on the door was responded to by Wernecke, who, upon witnessing the officers standing before him, coolly said:

"I guess I'm the party you're looking for."

He was told to accompany the officers. The wagon was summoned and Wernecke was conveyed to the police station. Before proceeding to the Wernecke home Officers Rohn and Smiley were met at the intersection of Tuscarawas and Cherry streets by Officer Arnold Zimmerman, who accompanied them on their trip to the eastern part of the city, and on the return with the patrol wagon, the two officers stepped off the wagon and Officer Zimmerman continued to the police station with the prisoner.

There was a little misunderstanding at police headquarters as to who made the arrest, the name of Officer Zimmerman being unintentionally recorded there as alone having made the capture. But the matter was rectified without delay. It was not the fault of the officer or the turnkey, as the other two officers did not accompany the wagon.

Wernecke talked freely with the officers respecting the shooting affray and told them that he acted entirely in self-defense, being in fear of his life, and that the attack made upon him by Murphy was unwarranted and vicious. He said his companions would testify and affirm his statement when the matter came up for trial, and he did not appear to fear vigorous prosecution, although he felt repentant for having done the shooting.

A YOUTHFUL TRAVELER.

Wernecke is an intelligent young man. At one time he was employed at one of the local hotels, but drifted to New York, where he engaged with the manager of the Belvidere in that city. A wealthy Italian contractor came along one day and proposed that Wernecke accompany him on a trip through eastern countries. He accepted and was gone several months, having returned only recently. All his expenses were paid by the Italian and Wernecke has a wealth of information to recount concerning his travels. To his friends he has always appeared as an unassuming person and there was much surprise when the shooting occurrence became known.

There are two ways of spelling the prisoner's name. The city directory gives it as Wernecke, but it is said the prisoner spells it "Wernecke."

THE GIRL'S STORY.

Miss Lizzie Hamilton, over whom the quarrel, which culminated in the shooting, started, is a pretty, young woman. She resides with her parents at 1822 East Tuscarawas street. She is well known in the east end of the city, and by her friends she is called "Libbie" Hamilton. She attended the dance, going from her home to the hall with Wernecke, and she expected to return home in his company. Murphy insisted on going home with her, and told her that he would go or no one else would. She did not care for his company and informed him of her intention of going home alone in preference to causing trouble between them.

To a reporter Miss Hamilton said: "Mr. Wernecke called at my home Wednesday evening, an together we went to a dance. During the evening I met Murphy and he insisted on dancing with me. He told me of his desire to accompany me to my home after the dance, but I did not encourage him. I told Wernecke what Murphy had said and added that I would go home alone. After the dance Murphy waited for me, and I assisted him to put on his overcoat. We walked down the street as far as the square, and I did not speak to him all this time. I could not get away from him. Wernecke overtook us on the square. When I saw him I walked away from Murphy as fast as I could. I soon heard the shooting but did not go back to see who was hurt. I met a friend and went home."

Miss Hamilton did not seem to show much sympathy for Murphy.

OFFICIALS CLASH.

A clash was imminent between the local police officials and a constable,

Thursday morning, over the arrest of William Wernecke.

Justice Reigner was seated in his office when the shooting occurred. He ran down stairs and sped toward the scene of the affray. Murphy stated his intention of filing an affidavit, and the constable returned with an affidavit filled out, charging Wernecke with shooting with intent to kill.

Murphy had been removed to a drug store, and the constable went there to have Murphy sign the affidavit. A warrant was gotten out Thursday morning and placed in the hands of Constable Charles Henry.

Shortly after the arrest of Wernecke, a warrant was obtained by Marshal Reinhart, charging the prisoner with shooting with intent to wound. This was served upon him at the police station.

Thursday morning, Constable Henry called at police headquarters for the prisoner. He was informed that Wernecke already was under arrest on one charge and that a second charge could not be preferred, and that the prisoner would remain where he was. After some talk the constable left the police station and permitted the police authorities to pursue their own course in the case.

THE MOTHER CALLS.

Mrs. Wernecke called upon her son at the police station Thursday morning. She shed tears copiously as she met her boy, and she seemed almost heartbroken. She spoke kind and encouraging words to him and handed him some food. The parents are well known people and are very respectable. The arrest of their son has caused them untold sorrow. Every provision possible for his defense as well as for his comfort will be made by them.

WERNECKE TALKS.

"I gave Murphy two warnings not to molest me," said the young man, "and he would not remain away. I told him the first time that if he made an assault upon me I would shoot him. The first shot I fired was toward the stone pavement. He made another vicious rush at me and then I fired at his leg, or downward. I acted simply in self defense. I was afraid of Murphy. He seemed awfully mad and enraged when he spoke and used profane language. I was sorry for the young lady. She accompanied me to the dance and Murphy insisted on taking her home. He assaulted me first, when I was not expecting it. I did not intend to kill him when I fired the shot. I expect to plead self defense."

BULLET EXTRACTED.

Dr. E. G. Myers removed one of the bullets from Murphy's right leg, Thursday morning, and it is now believed that a second bullet is also lodged in the limb. At the hospital it is reported that Murphy is in a condition toward rapid recovery.

WERNECKE RELEASED.

The parents of the young man appeared before the mayor, Thursday noon, with their attorneys and furnished \$500 bail for the appearance of their son for arraignment. Young Wernecke, therefore, was released from custody.

OTTO SEITZ

Went Direct to Germany And
Is Expected to Return
Soon.

The friends of Otto Seitz, formerly a clarinet player in Thayer's band in this city, who left this city several months ago and was supposed to have committed self destruction, have received information indicating that the suicide story was a canard.

Seitz had been in this city several months and was a skillful clarinet player. He came here from Zoar, where his aged father still lives. It appears that he fell in love with a young maiden from that communist village, but she turned her attentions away from him and loved another. Seitz grew discouraged and shortly after leaving this city he was not heard from by relatives, who entertained a fear as to his future action. When the young man could not be located, a suicide story was started. When Seitz left the village of Zoar he straightway went to New York city, where he secured passage for Germany, where he intended to visit relatives in a village there. A letter was received from him before the boat started, in which he detailed the story of his departure for the fatherland, saying that he could not remain here after being rejected by a lady love.

His arrival in Germany, at his destination, brought forth another letter to his father at Zoar, in which the young man stated his intention of remaining on foreign shores, believing that there by he could forget the past.

A number of the members of Thayer's band were called upon Wednesday, and they stated that that heard substantially the same story of Seitz's departure for and his arrival in Germany, but they are of the opinion that he will not remain long in that country but will return in a few months and will again join the band here.

When Seitz went away there was a sum of money on deposit in one of the local banks to his credit. It is said this has been sent for and the account closed.

Sale of Brumbaugh Farm.

Deputy Sheriff McKinney went to Marlboro township, Tuesday morning, to sell the Brumbaugh farm of 240 acres. The property is appraised at \$11,540. A petition for the partition of the property was heard which resulted in an order for the sale of the farm. The case was entitled Hannah Grim vs. John Brumbaugh.

CRUEL ACT OF
JEALOUS WOMAN.Threw Carbolic Acid In Face of
Beautiful Young Girl.

SHE EXPRESSES NO REGRET.

When Arrested, Mrs. Wolf Said Panishment
Would Teach Her Not to
Steal Other Women's
Husbands.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.]
New York, Nov. 22.—Lena Schecka, a servant girl, lies in a cot in Bellevue hospital today, beauty gone, sight partially destroyed, a victim of woman's jealousy.

The police have arrested Mrs. Max Wolf, who formerly employed the girl, and who is charged with throwing acid into her face while in a fit of jealous anger. Mrs. Wolf last night visited the home of Arnold Malkin, where Lena was employed. There was a quarrel. Mrs. Wolf charged the girl with flirting with Mr. Wolf. A moment later Lena ran into the street screaming. Her face was blistered by carbolic acid and her eyes terribly burned. At the hospital, it is said, the girl will recover, but her face will always bear a scar and her sight will be impaired. She is 19 years old. She recently came from Vienna.

Mrs. Wolf expressed no regret when arrested. "It will teach her not to attempt to steal honest women's husbands," she said.

MISS MORRISON'S TRIAL.

Eight of the Best Attorneys in
Kansas Will Wage a
Bitter War.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.]
Eldorado, Kan., Nov. 22.—The trial of Miss Jess Morrison, for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, will begin in earnest today. It is thought some time will be consumed in securing a jury, as all parties concerned are well known throughout the county. The case will be bitterly contested. Four of the most prominent lawyers in Kansas have been engaged by each side. Self defense will be the claim of Miss Morrison, who cut Mrs. Castle's throat, with emotional insanity as a reserve claim.

Miss Morrison's father, a former probate judge of this county, is supporting his daughter loyally.

STEAMERS OVERDUE.

Atlantic Vessels Retarded By
Rough Weather at Sea—One
Boat 71 Days Out.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.]
Baltimore, Md., Nov. 22.—Fleet steamers and sailing vessels, bound for Baltimore, are overdue from four days to a week, owing to heavy weather on the Atlantic. The steamers overdue are "Rowanmore," from Liverpool; "Amerasia," from Liverpool; "Bengalia," from Hamburg; and "Lord Erne," from Glasgow.

No news has been received of the four masted schooner "J. Homes Bird-sail," which is now 16 days at sea from Boston to Baltimore. The steam bark "Severn" is out 71 days from Hampton Roads for Santos, Brazil.

B. F. NELSON DEAD.

Former Editor of the Akron
Tribune and Ashland Press
Dies In St. Louis.

[News-Democrat Leased Wire Service.]
Ashland, Nov. 22.—A telegram from St. Louis this morning announces the death of B. F. Nelson, supreme reporter of the Knights of Honor for 18 years. Previous to that time he was one of the publishers of the Ashland Press and Akron Tribune. He was prominent in Ohio and in the country as a 32d degree Mason and Knight Templar.

Commissioners Discussed Bids.

The bids received Tuesday by the county commissioners for the construction of a foundation for women's cottage at the county infirmary, were discussed by the county commissioners Wednesday morning, but on account of the prosecutor being engaged elsewhere in the court house, they did not award the contract to Dunbar, who is the lowest bidder.

Two petitions were received by the commissioners respecting two roads which require attention. A. Buckwalter filed a petition with the commissioners some time ago respecting improvement required in the road which leads off near the farm of Harvey Miller, in Plain township, near Louisville. The report of the viewers was approved and the petition was rejected.

The same action was taken with reference to the Lind road, which leads off the Canton-Osnaburg road, in Osnaburg township, and runs directly north to the Nimsheilton township line. The report of the viewers was approved and the petition for improvement was rejected.

To Collect \$446.40.

Augustus Rue has begun an action to collect \$446.40, claimed to be due him from H. A. Bloomberg, for labor and material. The parties to the suit are from Massillon. Willson and Day filed the petition.

A petition for partition has been filed in common pleas court by Paul Joliat, against Victor Joliat et al., of certain lands near Louisville. Attorneys J. F. Fawcett and John C.

Bothwell filed the petition. A number of the parties to the suit were in Canton Thursday.

SALE OF A FARM

Conducted Tuesday By Deputy
Sheriff McKinney in Marl-
boro Township.

Deputy Sheriff McKinney returned Tuesday night from Marlboro township where he sold, at sheriff's sale, the Brumbaugh farm. The rate per acre received for the farm was very low, considering the excellent condition of the buildings which stand upon the place.

The farm, containing 180 acres, was sold for \$5,300 cash, to A. B. Pontius, of Louisville.

The second portion of the farm contained 80 acres of timber land, which was sold to Jacob Duprez, of Harrisburg, for \$3,120.

FARMERS TRY TO
SECURE A ROADWhich Was Opened For Traffic
Back in 1838.

COMMISSIONER INTERFERES.

Some of the Farmers Now Threaten Suit
Because Their Fences Have Been
Moved By This
Officer.

There was a diversion in the routine of the commissioners Wednesday morning. There is a road in Plain township which the records show was opened in 1838. It appears that during the period from 1831 to 1840 the county roads were surveyed so as to be 60 feet wide. It is said that some of the owners of land along a portion of this road have encroached upon it so as to make it only 30 feet wide at some points. Road Supervisor Essner some time ago began moving back fences along the farm encroaching upon the road and made it 60 feet wide, the full length. The farmers are after him now and the county commissioners and the county surveyor looked up the records Wednesday morning and the township maps relative to establishing the proper width of the road and their authority in moving back the fences. It is said that some of the farmers have threatened suit.

MANY WOMEN
ARE IN COURTHearing Case Against the Cleve-
land Terminal & Valley.

MANY SUITS ARE POSTPONED

Owing to illness of Attorney C. C. Bow-
Was Only One Motion Heard
Monday—Other Court
News.

The lobby in court room No. 2, presided over by Judge McCarty, is fully occupied, during the session of court each day, by auditors who listen to the evidence rendered by the countless number of witnesses and the narration of the killing of young Helman on the Patterson street railway crossing in this city. There are a great many women subpoenaed in the case. The probate court room has been opened for the reception of witnesses in this long prolonged suit. It is believed that the witnesses on the part of the plaintiff will complete their testimony Wednesday afternoon, so that the defendant railway company can open its side of the case Thursday. Countless maps, drawings and charts are used, and thus detailed explanations secured from witnesses.

The cases assigned for hearing before Judge Ralph S. Ambler in court room No. 2, this week, have occasioned Judge Ambler very little trouble. The fact is that none of the cases assigned for past three days has been heard, all of them having been continued. Only one motion was heard by Judge Ambler Monday and that was taken under advisement. Attorney C. C. Bow, who is seriously ill, is interested as attorney in many of the cases to have been heard and this is one reason for their postponement.

The cases assigned for that court room Wednesday were called and will be heard later.

SHERIFF'S SALES

Which Will Take Place Satur-
day Morning From the
Courthouse Steps.

A number of properties which have been advertised by the sheriff will be sold from the steps of the court house Saturday. The following is a list of such properties for which orders of sale have been issued and which will be disposed of by the sheriff:

Michael Eshelman farm, Perry township, 101.29 acres, appraised at \$6,227.

David Pembroke vs. James A. Moore, Lexington township, 17.27 acres, appraised at \$550.

Louise Sabouren vs. Eugenia Montague, Washington township, 2.42 acres, appraised at \$75; also 25 acres appraised at \$1,550.

M. M. Kerstetter vs. D. M. Kerstetter, partition, Massillon, one-third west part of lot \$500, also a whole lot appraised at \$1,000.

Christ Fulmer vs. Amos W. White, Lake township, 5.59 acres, appraised at \$1,000.

The Stark county bench and bar voted Judge Taylor a good fellow and, the higher court, which was present, unanimously decided to overrule any demurrer to that motion.

WAS IN THE
NICK OF TIMESuicide Prevented By Archibald
Casteel at West Tusca-
rawas Street Bridge.

MYSTERIOUS WOMAN'S ACT.

Said She Had Trouble With Her Rela-
tives at Home.

GAVE A FICTITIOUS NAME.

As She Was Leaping Over the Rail Her
Rescuer Caught Her and Lifted Her
From Danger—Promised to Aban-
don Her Plan and Return
to Her Home.

An attempt to commit suicide was made by a strange woman, Wednesday night, at the West Tuscarawas street bridge which crossed the west creek. The affair was reported to the police and, although a thorough search was made by them to learn the principal to the act, they were unable to ascertain more than that the name of the woman is Gable. The city directory does not contain this name, and it is believed by the police that a fictitious name was given to the person who rescued the woman.

Archibald Casteel, living at 406 Springfield avenue was walking on Tuscarawas street at the bridge Wednesday night. When he approached the bridge he saw a woman's hat lying on the floor of the footway of the bridge. A few seconds later he discovered a woman trying to climb over the iron railing at the center of the bridge, where the water in the creek has the greatest depth. He ran forward and caught her arms, thus preventing her from falling over the railing. She was lifted back over the rail and questioned concerning her rash intentions.

Casteel said that the woman told him she had been the victim of a serious controversy at home, and that she desired to drown herself. Casteel conversed with her a few minutes, restored her hat, and then advised her to go back to her home, which she promised to do. The attempt at self-destruction was at once reported to Officer Zimmerman, who reported the matter to the police station.

An air of mystery surrounds the affair. The police are unable to learn who the woman was. It is thought she did not give her real name. When Casteel saw the woman over the railing she was just about to fall. He arrived with the nick of time to save her. The distance to the water alone at this point is about fifteen feet, and the water is probably about three feet deep.

WERNET-GUEST WEDDING.

It Was Solemnized Thursday
Morning at the St. John's
Catholic Church.

Alice T. Wernet and William J. Guest were made man and wife in St. John's Catholic church by Rev. P. J. McGuire, at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, November 22. The church chancel was banked with fragrant flowers and palms and the wedding party marched into the church.

Harry D. Ball was best man, with Miss Burnadett Guest as bridesmaid.

The bride was dressed in a costume of crepe de chine. She carried a mother of pearl rosary.

After the marriage service, the bridal party was driven to the home of the bride's mother, 209 East Third street, where a wedding breakfast was served. Many valuable and handsome presents were received by the newly wedded couple. Mr. and Mrs. Guest will make their home with Mrs. Wernet.

MARRIAGE PERMITS.

Louis Hauter, 29.....	Canton
Lulu Mary, 29.....	Canton
Nicholas Stanger, 36.....	Massillon
Lucinda Perl, 30.....	Massillon
William J. Guest, 25.....	Canton
Alice F. Wernet, 23.....	Canton
John W. Frayberger, 24.....	Canton
Mary A. Arnold, 18.....	Massillon
Alban John Morris, 23.....	Alliance
Laura B. Arter, 22.....	Alliance
John B. Bambeck, 32.....	Canton
Malthida Aultman, 31.....	Canton
John Harbert, 27.....	Canal Fulton
Rose Kings, 21.....	Canal Fulton
Charles C. Cooper, 20.....	Canton
Margaret H. Burns, 21.....	Canton
H. E. Fogal, 22.....	Minerva
Mandolin McDowell, 21.....	Minerva
Engene Hamm, 23.....	Massillon
Philippina Arnold, 22.....	Massillon

The young man who is so adept with the pen, might attach a few signatures to a ball bond.